THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Minorities has written to the State Government of Gujarat suggesting various measures to be adopted for restoring normalcy in the State of Gujarat and for providing adequate relief and compensation etc.

(c) to (e) The State Government has responded to the suggestions/ recommendations made by the Commission.

Reservation of posts for most Backward Classes

3594. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recommended for reservation of posts and appointments for most backward classes with suitable parameters for their identification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) No, Madam, However, following the judgement of the Supreme Court in the case of Indira Sawhney and others *vs.* Union of India and others, 27% reservation in Civil Posts and Services under the Central Government has been provided to Other Backward Classes subject to exclusion of 'Cremy Layer".

Demand for inclusion of certain castes in SC List

3595. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been demand from Tamil Nadu for inclusion of Kuruman, Kurumban, Kurumbar, castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.